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Mr. John C. Bayer, Manager
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RE: Thermoplastic Railroad Ties

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm that the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad accepted delivery of twenty-five (25) 8" X 12" X 8'6" ties from your company on April 5, 2001. Shortly thereafter we installed them in Main Switch Lead Track applications. After over eighteen (18) months in service and over five (5) million gross tons of traffic the ties continue to perform effectively as to durability regarding spike hold down and the absence of tie plate cutting.

Thank you for allowing the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad the opportunity to field test your product.

If there should be any questions, please call me at 896-7420.

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Marinello, Jr.
Manager, Engineering & Maintenance